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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07057.0060

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                           |
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| Yukimasa NISHIDE            | ) | Group Art Unit: 1745      |
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| Application No.: 10/762,525 | ) | Examiner: Keith D. Walker |
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| Filed: January 23, 2004     | ) |                           |
|                             | ) | Confirmation No.: 5327    |
| For: SECONDARY BATTERY AND  | ) |                           |
| MANUFACTURING SYSTEM AND    | ) |                           |
| METHOD THEREFOR             | ) |                           |

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

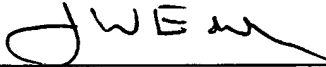
In an Office Action dated January 24, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I - claims 1-9, 23 and 24, drawn to a secondary battery; Group II - claims 10-15, drawn to an apparatus for making secondary batteries; and Group III - claims 16-22, drawn to a method of making a secondary battery. Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute Group I, claims 1-9, 23 and 24, drawn to a secondary battery.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 16, 2007

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